

## Deakin University Professor Visit to the Department



**Prof. Dr Michael Pereira**, Associate Professor, Dept. of Mechanical Engg, Deakin University, Australia, visited the Dept. of Mechanical & Industrial Engineering, MIT, Manipal and interacted with the pre-final year students on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2023. The interactive session was organized as part of the MOU, MAHE has with Deakin University, Australia.

Dr Madhwesh N. gave an overview of the interactive session and welcomed the gathering. Dr Michael Pereira conducted the masterclass on the topic "Developing critical engineering practice skills to facilitate more employability". He also briefed the students about the opportunities available for them at Deakin University for pursuing post-graduation. Students were given an activity to build a tallest tower to sustain the weight of a tennis ball at the top using limited resources (20 A4 sheets, tape & a tennis ball were given to the groups). Through this activity, he stressed the necessity of skill based education in engineering.

Students actively participated in the activity. The team comprising of Mr. Gujjati Sathwik, Mr. Sanjith M Lakkol, Mr. Keerthi Bharadwaj Y S, Mr. G Vinhu Prawin, Mr. Mayas Raj and Mr. Arjun Pramod Nair built the tallest structure and won the prize.

Mr. Kirit Ajay Poonia, Senior Student Advisor, Partnership Engagement (South Asia), Deakin University, Dr Anupama R. Hiremath of MIT Manipal were present during the session. Around 75 students participated in the event.

